

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Karl W. Dudley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Karl W. Dudley is one such estimable person who has served with distinction in the employment of Pickwick Electric Cooperative (PEC) in Selmer for forty-four years, having begun his illustrious career with that organization in 1970; and

WHEREAS, he has served as PEC's president, chief operating officer, and general manager and is now taking a much-deserved retirement from the demands and routines of daily work; and

WHEREAS, Karl Dudley's leadership of this outstanding nonprofit TVA energy distribution organization has memorialized PEC's history of delivering electricity to consumers at the lowest possible price since its founding in 1935, and he and his corps of committed professionals have done so honestly, courteously, and with the highest degree of integrity; and

WHEREAS, the electrical cooperative that he has led serves approximately 20,500 residential, commercial, and industrial customers and maintains nearly 2,200 miles of lines, in service to all of McNairy County and portions of Chester, Hardeman, and Hardin counties in Tennessee and Alcorn and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Karl Dudley is a guru of electrical energy distribution; years of experiential knowledge coupled with professional preparation have honed his skills to perfection. He attended Jackson State Community College and the National Technical Institute, where he received certification in electrical and electronics engineering technology, and has completed

Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's certified power technology and certified power executive programs; and

WHEREAS, during his years of industry at PEC, he vigilantly stayed abreast of cutting-edge trends and progress in his field, and he is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute's Council on Electrical Distribution and the National Institute of Engineering Technologies; and

WHEREAS, he has given generously of his time and talents serving on the board of directors of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, the Seven States Power Corporation, and United Utility Supply, and on the executive committee of the West Tennessee Industrial Association; and

WHEREAS, Karl Dudley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his professional constituency, his community, and the electrical energy industry that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the work of his career has been vital to improving the economic well-being and industrial landscape of rural southwestern Tennessee and northern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Karl Dudley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Karl W. Dudley upon his retirement, thank him for the exemplary leadership he has provided over his long career, and extend to him our best wishes for success and enjoyment in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.